2. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

(i) The Cochin Sales Tax Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government)*: I beg to move that the Cochin Sales Tax Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried.

(ii) The Cochin Verumpattamdars' Act (Amendment) Bill

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I beg to move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars' Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

3. NON—OFFICIAL BILLS

(i) The Cochin Verumpattamdars' Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur—Tattamangalam)*: I move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars' Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, Under Standing Order 26, I move that the Council do pass on to he next item in order in the Agenda.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, this is a Bill which has reached a certain stage where amendment have been tabled by the Advocate-General and also by Hon'ble Mr. T. S. Narayana Iyer. It has been passed over even by the mover on more occasions than one. This time the Hon'ble Mover has moved it. I submit, Sir, that this is a Bill the final result of which can well be known by the attitude of the various parties in the Council. It is one which will be thrown out finally and any discussion on this bill is not going to bear any fruit. The Agenda here contains very many other items following this and therefore all things considered, it is not desirable that this Bill is now taken into consideration and gone through in all its defails. When the final stage of putting each clause to vote comes, the result will be that the Bill will be lost. It is because I have ascertained the views of the various groups of House that the final result of the voting will be 31 against the bill that I move this motion to pass over. It is to save time of the House and to utilise it for more profitable discussion on other matters that I have tabled this motion. So under Standing Order No. 26 I move that the House do now pass on to the next item in Agenda,

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Sir, I oppose the Motion and ths time taken up for this motion could have been better used for the discussion of the provisions of this Bill. One cannot foretell what will be the fate of this Bill when put to vote. The Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri thinks that the result of this bill will be that it will be thrown out, but should we not see whether it is realised. I think that an opportunity should be given to discuss the provisions of this bill to see whether the realisation of the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkanchery is correct or not. I therefore, request the House not to stifle the discussion, but the House may exercise its vote at the proper time.

Motion put and lost

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: A poll, Sir.

Ayes

1. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon
2. Mr. P. K. Dewer,
3. K. I. Velayudhan
4. ,, K. T. Achuthan
5. ,, K. S. Panicker
6. ,, C. R. Iyyunni
7. ,, M. K. Raja
8. ,, P. K. Paul
9. ,, V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan
10. ,, Choudhury G. S. Dhara Singh
11. Mr. C. S. Panicker
12. P. Mani
13. P. T. Jacob
14. ,, L. M. Pylee
15. ,, K. R. Ramakrishnan
16. ,, M. K. Varghese
17. ,, Parmel Ipe Ipe
18. ,, P. Narayana Menon
19. ,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
20. ,, K. K. Kumaran
21. ,, P. Sankara Menon

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Noes

1. Mr. A. Eachara Menon
2. ,, Parambi Lonappen
3. ,, P. A. Muhamad. Ahroff
4. ,, Jos. K. Verghese
5. Dr. S. S. Rao,
6. Mr. T. K. L. Kunjuvareed
7. ,, M. O Thomakutty
8. Rama Varma Thampuran
9. Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu
10. Mr. V. K. Arvindaksha Menon
11. ,, M. Sivarama Menon
12. ,, B. V. K. Menon
13. Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew
14. Mr. S. Venkiteswaran
15. Rao SahibM. M. Paul
16. Mr. P Sankaran Nambiyar
17. Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael

Mr. President: The motion is carried with 21 for and 17 against.

Motion put and declared carried

At this stage the Hon'ble President vacated the Chair and M.R.Ry. L. M. Pylee Avl. M.A. B.L. Deputy President, took the Chair.

(ii) The Cochin Newspaper Act (Repeal) Bill

148. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Newspapers Act "Repeal" Bill be taken into consideraiion.

Mr.P. K. Paul (*Chalakkudi*) : I second it.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ : സർ, ഈ ബില്ലിന്റെ നാനാവശങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് ഇനി ഒരു വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പെടണമെന്നു ഞാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഈ സഭയുടെ എല്ലാ ഭാഗങ്ങളിലേയും അഭിപ്രായം ഇതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ വ്യക്തമാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ ബിൽ ഇവിടെ ആലോചനക്കെടുക്കണമെന്നു ഞാൻ അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

***Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** (*Advocate-General*): The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration is opposed by Government but at the same time I may state, as I mentioned before on the floor of the House on the last occasion that the trend of opinion expressed from certain quarters is that they would like to have, not that they would like to have at any rate, the provisions of the Press Act in force in British India in preference to the existing statute. Of course, I myself then stated that even though this House may not be in a position to support a measure of that kind, it has not been possible for Government to bring in such a Bill. Of course Government have really taken note of it and I have moved the Government in that matter. I cannot say now whether it will be accepted by the Government. I have moved the authorities concerned for the purpose of consideration of that aspect of the matter. Since the Hon'ble Mover of the Bill has stated that he has practically gone into every detail last time and that he does not make any further statement at this stage, I also wish to adopt the same course. I do not wish to offer any further remarks.

Motion put and lost

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: A poll, Sir.

Ayes

1. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon
2. Mrs. T. Francis
3. Mr. P. K. Dewer
4. Mr. K. I. Velayudhan
5. Mr. K. T. Achuthan
6. Mr. K. S. Panicker
7. Mr. K. K. Kannan
8. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon
9. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan
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19. Mr. M. K. Verghese
20. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe
21. Mr. P. Narayana Menon
22. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
23. Mr. Parambi Lonappen
24. Mr. P. A. Mohamad Ashroff
25. Mr. Jos K. Verghese
26. Dr. S. S. Rao
27. Mr. T. K. L. Kunhuvareed
28. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty
29. Mr. K. A. Raghavan

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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